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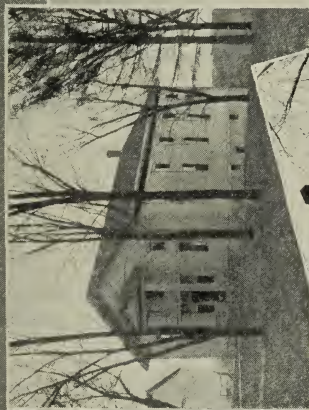
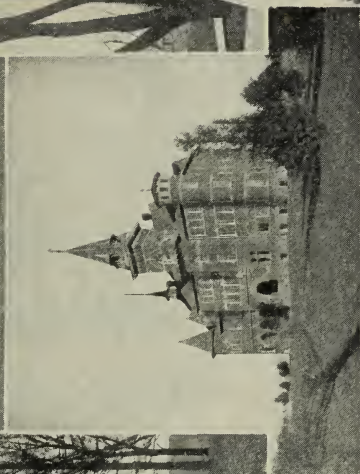
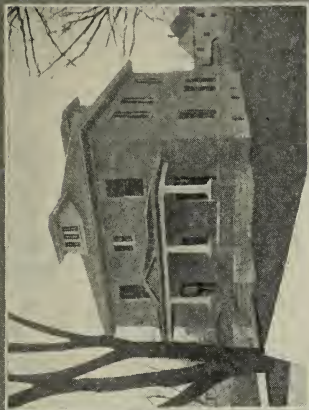
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Notes and News

Dr. F. Schaub, immediately after the close of school, made a canvassing tour to Stitzer, Plattville, Galeana, and Dubuque.

The editor of the Bulletin taught Grammar, United States History, and Orthography in the Teachers' Institute held in this city from June 19—24.

Mr. John Fogt, who continues his work as superintendent of the School of Commerce, began his canvas for students in Reinbeck, June 19. He will put in six weeks at this work.

We publish in this issue extracts from Inspector H. H. Seerley's report, which we commend to our

readers for careful perusal. And may we ask for Mr. W. W. Birknis' article on Charles City also a careful reading?

A large delegation of young men went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to attend the Y. M. C. A. conference of ten days there. It is a rare treat to go to that famous gathering of the best young men in the land. They have the opportunity to hear the best speakers in the land; they also have the opportunity to exercise and to study nature at first hand.

The Trustees agreed to give, for purely athletic purposes, to the Board of Control of the Athletic Association, \$200.00. This amount is to be used for athletic goods and for such purposes generally which come up in carrying on intercollegiate games. A track will be made during the summer, and when the students come back next fall they may run and jump and be merry generally.

The Field Secretary, Rev. F. O. Barz, reported to the Trustee Board at its annual meeting, that he had interviewed 172 persons; traveled 6000 miles by train, and 900 miles

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by buggy; sent out 1385 new Catalogue Bulletins, 1425 pieces of other literature, and 1407 special letters; visited 77 congregations and 32 high schools. At this time he is in South Dakota, visiting the camp-meeting and later some churches.

At the home of the bride's parents at Webster, S. D., on June 14, 1911, occurred the marriage of Ida A. Ebert to Ernest E. Gelhaus. Both of the contracting parties are ex-students of the College and loyal friends of the Institution. For this reason a representative of the College was called upon to perform the ceremony. This pleasant duty fell to the lot of the Field Secretary and the conferred honor was highly appreciated.

Miss Viola Moosdorf gave her senior piano recital Saturday evening, June 3. She was assisted by the College Male Quartet, who did excellent service. Miss Moosdorf is a pianist of merit, and her performance on this occasion was creditable to herself. Her selections were well chosen. The variety was wide. It ranged from classical to modern music and from the light and airy to the sombre and serious. She has a bright future as a player before.

The College authorities are moving the old Bailey house, the house occupied by Prof. W. G. Baab during the last two or three years, in line with the President's new residence on what is to be called College Avenue. However, they leave one vacant lot between this house and the president's residence. Next to this house, which, in its new place and in its renewed interior and exterior, will again be occupied by Prof. W. G. Baab, the Trus-

tees will build a new house for Prof. S. C. Steinbrenner. The material of the barn and a "lean to" of the Bailey house will be worked up into this second house. Both of these houses are under construction at this writing. The cellar of the first is already dug. Prof. Baab will live in the Ladies' Dormitory during the summer.

The Daily Press of this city has the following to say of the honor that came to the editor:

"Word has been received in this city that Dean Finke, the instructor in literature at the Charles City College, has been accorded the degree of Doctor of Literature from Wallace College, of Berea, Ohio.

"This comes as a surprise to Prof. Finke as he had not made any application for such a standing there, and was totally unaware of the provisions which were being made to get him this title. It is one which many seek and when secured, furnishes considerable prestige to the recipient.

"Prof. Finke has worked almost exclusively in giving instruction in literature for a quarter of a century and is considered to be one of the most proficient in that line. He is just now completing his thirty-first year of teaching. During that time he has been through the profession from the bottom to the present place. He began in a country school and worked his way up. His work at the Charles City College has been most acceptable and all will be glad to learn of his new acquisition, not only because it gives him a somewhat adequate recognition in the west, but because it will also add standing to the Charles City Institution with which he is identified so prominently."

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The Unexpected Resignation of President Hirsch, D.D., LL.D.

GREAT SURPRISE

President F. E. Hirsch resigned Tuesday, June 6th; it did not become at all known till Wednesday; and it was not published till Thursday evening. Then the editor of the Bulletin made a statement of the matter, and it was published in both dailies of this city. We give it here with but few changes:

"The resignation of Dr. F. E. Hirsch, president of Charles City College, came with shocking surprise; yes, it came like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. He had given no intimation of the fact that he contemplated such an action. He has been connected with the Institution for twenty-two years; during the past eight years he served it as president. These eight years were fraught with labors abundant. They brought \$100,000.00 of new endowment, they saw the courses of study thoroughly revised, the last year witnessed the placing of the College on the accredited list of colleges of the state, and athletics and gymnastics have been put on an excellent basis.

"It is scarcely necessary to say anything here about Dr. Hirsch's abilities, for they are too well known to need more than a mention. He was brought up and educated in this city. From here he went to college. Here he made his name as a public speaker, as a professor, and as an executive officer. He has a brilliant mind—he

is a clear thinker and a forcible speaker. He is resourceful, and fertile in plans that carry. Withal he is kind and genial and easily approachable to all.

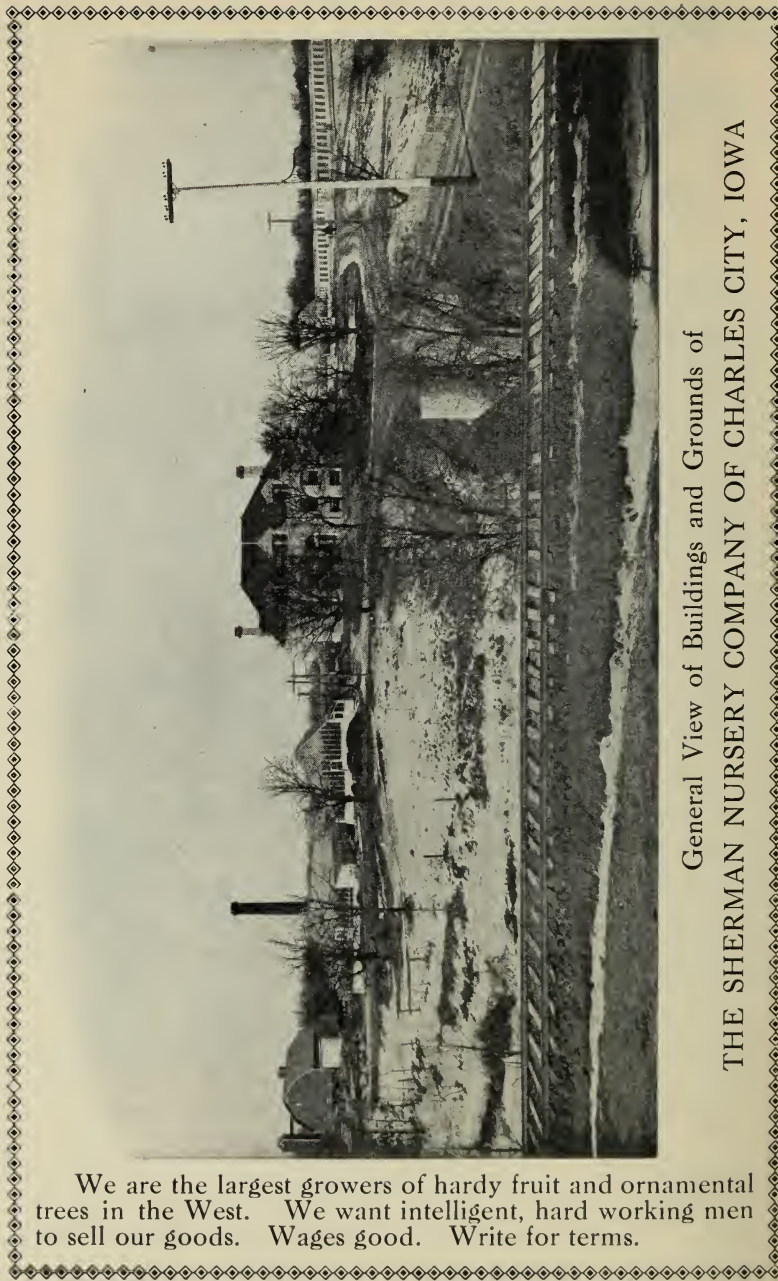
"This morning at the closing chapel exercises the writer referred to the resignation and spoke warmly and feelingly of his own relations to the retiring President as being always cordial and pleasant. He was sure that the other members of the Faculty voiced his sentiments in these particulars. In this the writer was not mistaken, for when members of the Faculty later spoke a word of farewell to the students, they gave utterance to the kindest words in behalf of Dr. Hirsch. The tears in the eyes of many of the students gave evidence of the most cordial relations between them and the President.

"Dr. Hirsch, it is understood, is considering several lines of work in larger spheres that are open to him, but he has not yet fully decided which one to select; at any rate, it will be of an educational character, be it in the pulpit or otherwise."

A prominent member of the Trustee Board expressed himself in the same papers in this wise:

"It was as a thunderbolt out of a clear sky to the people of Charles City when the report was heard that Dr. Hirsch, for eight years president of the Charles City College, had resigned. The highly esteemed President has many friends in Charles City, and it is with much regret that the news was received. The friends of the College feel the College has lost an unusually well qualified teacher, and his place will be hard to fill.

"The Official Board of Trustees upon whom the duty of accepting the resignation fell did so with sin-



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cere regret, because it recognized the distinguished educator's exceptional ability. No man has been longer and more intimately connected with the Institution than Dr. Hirsch. He has accepted in a manly way the many, many difficulties that came up in the life of this College and has guided it through many crises to a successful existence. It was he who secured the splendid sum from Andrew Carnegie for the endowment of the College.

"His associates, both in the Faculty and in the Official Board, exceedingly regret his departure and their most sincere expressions of highest personal regards assure the departing president of their well wishes. The many friends in business, social, church, and educational circles of Charles City bid the doctor God speed and success in whatever may be his new work."



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rector for Women.

Margaret Clemens,
Academy History and English.

John A. Fogt,
Superintendent of School of Com-
merce.

Miss Addie M. Cattron,
Shorthand and Typewriting.

Mary E. Mulfinger,
Piano, Voice, and Chorus Work.

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(To be appointed.)

Rev. F. O. Barz,
Field Secretary.



Plans for the New School Year

**No Need to Laugh on the Wrong
Side of the Mouth**

PRESIDENT TIMBER

While it is regrettable that Dr. F. E. Hirsch leaves, yet this is not the time to be discouraged or to look blue over the matter. It is true, president timber is not so abundant as the cedars of Lebanon; but sure-

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ly the fertile valleys of German Methodism have produced select material which will fit into the place left vacant. A committee appointed by the Official Board is out looking for this adequate production. They have already spotted two or three excellent specimen; and if they can secure their choice, the presidential niche will next year be occupied by material that will strengthen the whole Institution. Then, as may be seen above, almost the entire Faculty of last year remains; and the old students know what that means. Moreover, Miss Margaret Clemens, of this city, an excellent young woman of high scholarly and social attainments, was added to the Faculty to teach History and English in the Academy, and the vacancy that still exists in the Art Department will be filled before school opens. Thus, the writer sees no reason why the friends of Charles City College should not be of good cheer, and do the best they possibly can for the ensuing school year.

The Trustees at their recent annual meeting left nothing undone to make the next year the best in the history of the Institution. The School of Commerce—i. e., the Business and the Shorthand and Typewriting Departments—has been ordered to be moved down town; namely, into the old K. P. Hall, above the Steam Laundry rooms on Main Street, in the same block with the Hildreth Hotel. This separates the College, the Academy, and the Normal from the special departments, and gives room for the new library which must be in place before January 1, 1912. It is, also, an additional connecting link between the city and the College. The rooms secured are well-adapted to the purposes for which they are to be used; i. e. Business, Music, Art, and Oratory. The removal of these two important departments down town will cost a considerable amount of money; but since the Trustees want to make a success of all the departments of the College, they are willing to pay the price. Besides, the Commercial Club gave a committee of the Trustees assurance of assistance in this matter.

The night school, which was successfully maintained last year, will again be organized at the proper time to give men and women, who cannot attend school during the day, an opportunity to add to their educational equipment.

THE NEW LIBRARY

of 7,500 volumes must be in place by January 1, 1912, if we wish to be on the list of Standard Colleges in this state. The field secretary, Rev. F. O. Barz, has the matter of getting books in charge. He wishes any one who has good college reference books to give to a good cause to write him, or better, to send them to him. These books are to be such as may be used for reference in any standard college; namely, the works of great writers; such as, Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare, Bacon, Addison, Dryden, Pope, Burns, Johnson, Macaulay, DeQuincey, Carlyle, Tennyson, The Brownings, Byron, Longfellow, Poe, Lowell, Whittier, Hawthorne, Schiller, Goethe, etc., etc., etc.; then, histories, great and moderate; biography, philosophy, psychology, science, art, pedagogy; indeed, any books that may be used for reference in college class—yes, in college classes primarily.

ADVANCE MOVEMENT EVERYWHERE

The advance movement, which was begun several years since, is to continue next year; and, if possible, it is to go forward with greater speed than ever before. Standing upon the accredited list, the College will aim to merit the confidence placed in it by the State Board of Examiners. It is the aim of the Official Board to keep the most efficient corps of instructors that can be found, to offer the most comprehensive courses required, to give the best instruction that can be gotten anywhere, and to maintain laboratories adequate for our purposes.

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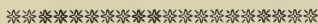
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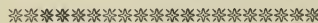
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Another case in point is Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, of whose president, Charles F. Thwing, William E. Curtis has the following to say in the Minneapolis Journal of June 16th:

"He left the pulpit in 1890 to assume greater responsibilities as President of Western Reserve University and has distinguished himself for his energy, zeal, tact, and a magnetic force which has enabled him to accomplish great things for Western Reserve University.

"He has built up a great city university out of a small country college.

"He has extended its reputation by extending his own, by his personality, his co-operation in important public movements, his connection with prominent bodies of men engaged in work for the public welfare, and in the ideas he has suggested and the judgment he has shown in leadership.

"He has increased its endowment and assets because of the confidence

he has commanded in the patrons of education, among the alumni, the trustees of the institution, and the people of Cleveland.

"He has inspired his faculty, his trustees, his alumni, and his students with the same optimistic confidence and sympathy that he feels with every good work, and has thus added to the influence which this institution exerts in the Western Reserve and the state of Ohio.

"He has solved the co-educational problem in a successful and satisfactory manner, and is regarded by his profession as one of the most important and successful educators in the United States.

"The work that President Thwing has accomplished and his eminence as a scholar, writer, and educator has been recognized by other institutions, which have conferred upon him many honorary degrees, and his appointment as a member of the Carnegie Foundation indicates the value that is placed upon his judgment."



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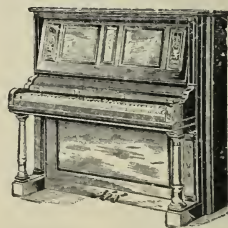
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According to the last published statements of the four banks in Charles City, the total deposits are now \$3,173,000.00, an gain of \$285,000.00 or over ten percent during the past twelve months. This is a decidedly good showing and is a clear indication of the forward movement which this city is making.

Negotiations are now being conducted by the Commercial Club, which, if successful, will bring to our city another large factory with an already established trade and with a paid in capital of \$125,000.00. In addition the club reports the great probability of the removal here of a large Jobbing House. These concerns, no doubt, have been influenced in selecting Charles City by the fact that the Charles City Western Railroad connecting this city with the Rock Island Railroad at Marble Rock is now completed and doing business.

The new \$60,000.00 Y. M. C. A. Building is to be completed by October first next and will no doubt be in full running order very shortly after. This is a very valuable addition to the city.

The new \$40,000.00 Lincoln School is rapidly being finished and will be ready for occupation after the summer vacation.

The old stone school building is to be torn down in July and replaced with a thoroughly modern eight or ten room building to be erected on the same site. All of which shows that the Charles City spirit of doing things is very active.

A Park Commission was recently elected and is now busily engaged in selecting a park or parks, taking into consideration the certain growth of our population that will surely continue for years. We are extremely fortunate in having so many beautiful sites available for this purpose.

At this time there are in course of construction nearly 150 houses, ranging in value from \$2000.00 to \$3500.00.

Within two years we may reasonably expect a population in excess of 10,000.

W. W. Birkin.



Excerpts from the Inspector's Report to the State Board

President F. E. Hirsch, LL. D., worked hard all year to get Charles City College recognized as a standard college in the state. Early in May he visited the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Des Moines to confer with him about the matter in a preliminary way. A week later he appeared before the Educational Board of Examiners which met in Des Moines, and presented our case. After some deliberation, this Board appointed one of its number, Dr. H. H. Seerley, president of the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, to make a thorough inspection of Charles City College. He came shortly after his appointment, and



Main Street Bridge, Charles City, Iowa

remained with us almost two days, examining everything necessary connected with the Institution. The report he submitted to the Educational Board of Examiners is full and comprehensive. For want of room we give here but a few extracts of it.

"Since it is only possible to comply with the requirements that the Board exacts of colleges offering classical courses chiefly, this college should be limited, therefore, to such being granted state certificates as receive Bachelor of Arts degrees. When the laboratory equipment can be enlarged to meet the standard adopted, then will be the proper time to consider such graduates as may receive the Bachelor of Science degree."

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"This Institution is a small college in the true sense. It has a large teaching force compared to the number of students in attendance, and it does a great amount of individual work. Each student has an opportunity to recite several times each recitation hour and much personal instruction is evident. It is almost impossible for a student not to succeed at such a college, as he receives so much personal attention."

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"In accordance with the regulations governing this inspection, I visited the recitations conducted by Professors Fischer, Steinbrenner, Rupersberg, Moore, Finke, Hirsch, and Schaub. In my judgment the instruction given gave evidence of accurate scholarship, good method, and successful training, so that I consider the College Faculty as a whole as deserving the endorsement of being accredited."

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RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the above facts that were obtained from the president and other officers and also

from my own investigation and observation, all of which I regard as trustworthy and reliable, I recommend the accrediting of Charles City College for the coming biennial period, said accrediting to be accepted as complete in every particular whenever the President certifies that the Library requirement has been fully met as heretofore stated. To meet this single point the date January 1, 1912, has been adopted by the Board.

In further recognition of the progress made by Charles City College during the past five years, I further recommend, that **First Grade Certificates** be granted Bachelors of Arts graduates of the class of 1911 who have completed the standard requirements of psychology and education.

I also recommend that the **two-year state certificates** be granted to graduates of the Normal Course for 1911, on the usual conditions, as it is certain that the requirements are now fully met in this course.

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THE THIRD VISIT I HAVE MADE

In closing this report as Inspector for the Board, I am able to state that this is the third visit that I have made to this college during the past five years. Two of these visits were made as an inspector for the Board of Examiners. I am gratified that the improvement, development, and expansion that this College has experienced in that time commends the excellence of the management, the enthusiasm of the spirit of both faculty and students and the certainty of the future support of the people. In finances, in attendance of college grade students, and in college ideals and standards, progress is most notable.

Believing that more than this will be made good in the coming two years, I commend this young promising institution as worthy of state endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer H. Seerley, Insp.

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The Commencement of 1911

The commencement of 1911 was a remarkable one for several reasons. It was notable for great addresses, it was impressive for its festivities, it was memorable for its surprises. These things the brief report that follows is designed to show.

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Commencement Sunday

THE MORNING

Commencement Sunday was, no doubt, the greatest that the College has had in a number of years. First came the baccalaureate sermon in the German Methodist Episcopal church by Dr. Charles M. Stuart, Editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate of Chicago. Those who know Dr. Stuart will appreciate what we say when we make the statement that his sermon was unique, original, but withal scholarly and yet intensely practical. Dr. Stuart is a Scotchman with a rich pleasing brogue. Combined with this he often makes a direct attack on, or appeal to, those nearest him, and thus creates the most intense attention.

He started out by calling into question the copy-book aphorism, "Knowledge is Power." He declared that knowledge is the instrument of power; the secret of power lies in God, and any education apart from religion is harmful. To know the creed, the ten commandments, the sermon on the mount; to believe in the great sacraments of the Church and use them do not constitute religious life. Many who know and practice these things are truly Christians, but many, many are not. They are formalists. Luther protested against this formalism, but he left the Bible to his people, the

book which reveals the life that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But who can give even the barest outline of such a sermon as the great editor preached? We are sure the graduating class will never forget the truths he uttered and the kind admonition he gave.

The music for the occasion was particularly good. Several anthems were rendered by the College Choir, and a duett sung by Miss Mary E. Mulfinger, the voice and piano teacher of the College, and Mr. Frank Taylor, one of her students, was unusually good.

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THE AFTERNOON

In the afternoon, Rev. J. F. Froeschle, pastor of the First German M. E. Church in St. Paul, Minn., preached the annual sermon. Rev. Froeschle is fully abreast of the most modern scientific and theological thought of the age, and his effort was fully equal to Dr. Stuart's morning address. Withal, he is a forcible speaker, and the impression he made will surely be lasting. His subject was, "Consistent Endeavor." He said many good things during the hour allotted him. The burden of the message was that we should give as much concern to our soul's welfare as we do to the well being of our bodies, and that we should give as much credence to the teachings of the Bible as we do to current literature, if not more. His closing appeal was forcible and effective.

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THE EVENING

In the evening, Dr. L. C. Clark, pastor of the First M. E. Church in Mason City, spoke to the two Christian Associations, and a most excellent address he delivered. "The Golden Bow" was his subject. He based his thought upon Genesis 9, 13: "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." He showed what a well-rounded character is, and he did it forcibly, clearly, and eloquently.

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The Alumni banquet has been an unqualified success each year, but those present at this recurring function last evening were unusually enthusiastic in pronouncing it more enjoyable than preceding ones. The rooms had been made attractive by the placing of the various College banners upon the walls, and the decoration of the long tables with pink carnations and smilax.

The time set was 6:30 o'clock and the guests were punctual, over 200 being seated at the appointed hour. A most delicious three-course dinner followed, being served by the College students, who deserve full credit for their rapid and pleasing attentions. When the inner man had been properly cared for, Rev. W. H. Klaus, of Garner, who acted as toastmaster, arose and in a few kindly and practical sentences made all feel welcome.

After these brief introductory remarks, Mrs. R. W. Merten, nee Hilda Wellemeyer, of Oklahoma City, Okla., rendered a piano solo which was so much enjoyed that she was compelled to respond with an encore. Rev. Klaus made a short but comprehensive talk which embraced all the classes but referred especially to the members of the

class of 1911, whom he welcomed into the fold of the Alumni Association. A response by the class president, Howard Merten, was made in which the members of the class voiced their appreciation of the many opportunities afforded them by their alma mater, and graciously accepted the invitation of the toastmaster to join hands with the Alumni.

This was followed by a group of songs by Miss Ruth Wellemeyer, who, as usual, charmed her hearers with the perfection of her rendition. She was accompanied at the piano by her sister, Mrs. Merten.

Following this group of songs, County Attorney H. L. Lockwood responded to the toast, "The Value of a College to a Community," in which he likened our city to a fruit tree bearing good and bad fruit, the College being cited as one of the largest and most powerful branches. Mr. Lockwood's address was enthusiastically received, as was also the one following, given by Attorney J. P. Gregg, whose subject covered the relations of a community to its college. This gentleman confessed himself as practically a stranger, but he gave his ideas of affairs as they appeared to him, that the College and the community have the relation of adopted child and foster parent. In closing, Mr. Gregg congratulated the College in the most cordial manner, and extended the courtesies of the Commercial Club of the city, its assistance and co-operation in the most hearty way. Miss Mary E. Mulfinger then rendered two beautiful songs. This young lady's ability as an entertainer is too well known to need any comment from us at this time. Rev. A. H. Meyer, of Sioux City, a graduate of the Charles City College, spoke at some length on the duty of an alumnus to his alma mater. Mr. Meyer is a very ready speaker, and all present more than enjoyed his talk. He asserted that the main obligation of a college graduate is to fully appreciate what has been done for him and his duty is to make all the returns possible. In this most rousing talk he awakened the graduates and students

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of the College to a realization of their duties to the College.

Mr. F. Vetsch, also of Sioux City, and one of the trustees of the College, made a short speech expressing his appreciation of, and pleasure at, the progress made by the Institution. A quartette number and an encore by Messrs. Davis, Welle-meyer, Merten, and Henke were much enjoyed. This closed the regular program. After this President F. E. Hirsch gave an impromptu talk in which he explained the College situation at present. By January 1, 1912, the College must have 7,500 volumes in the library in order to be ranked among accredited colleges. The rank is already conferred with the understanding that the requirement will be met. Dr. Hirsch urged all friends of the college to keep this in mind and at the suggestion of Rev. F. O. Barz donations of books or their equivalent were invited, the promise of 1000 volumes having been given without difficulty. Rev. W. H. Roling was then invited to pronounce the benediction, this closing the program of the evening.—Charles City Daily Intelligencer.



The Alumni Business Meeting

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock about fifty of the Alumni met to transact business. After the officers and committees of the association had given their reports, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Hon. L. W. Inman, of Marble Rock.

Vice-Presidents:—

For Iowa, Rev. Bruno Wentland.

For Wisconsin, Dr. Dan Starch.

For Minnesota, Mr. Walter J. Finke, who presided this year.

For South Dakota, Rev. W. F. Belling.

Secretary, Rev. A. H. Meyer, Sioux City, Iowa.

Treasurer, Dr. F. Schaub.

Committee on Arrangement:—

Rev. F. O. Barz,

Prof. S. C. Steinbrenner,

Miss O. Allene Kellogg.



TUESDAY EVENING

The College Chorus, under the direction of Miss Mulfinger, gave the Stamer's "Crucifixion" in the German Methodist Episcopal church. The church was full to the doors, and the singers did ample justice to the occasion. The production is a solemn one, and yet the variety in it with its excellent rendition made it interesting. The chorus sang its parts in full, melodious, harmonious manner. The solo parts, which were sung by Goodsell Henke, Ernest E. Welle-meyer, and Frank Taylor were most excellently rendered. The duet by Miss Mulfinger and Mr. Taylor was particularly charming.

Another feature to be noted is the intelligent and really competent accompanying by Miss Rosa Hirsch. This young lady has a brilliant future before her as a pianist.



WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Academy Seniors were out in gala attire and an excellent program. The German M. E. Church was well filled to hear what these promising young people had to say and sing. Here is there program:

Piano.....Impromptu by Schubert
Minnie Kessler.

Oration Problems of Municipal Ownership
John Brockmeier.

Oration Society's Warfare Against the White Plague
Ulrich Senn.

Essay...The Teacher of Tomorrow
Esther Fritze.

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Vocal, a) "I Cannot Help Loving Thee" Mackay
 b) "Lock Lamond"....Old Scotch
 Howard Merten.

Oration Cor-
 ruption of American Politics
 Frank Binger.

Oration
 ..Growth of American Liberty
 W. H. Wieting.

Paper
 Misses Griewe, Kuntz, and
 Weisbrod.

Vocal, "Beloved, It Is Morn".....
 Alyward
 Lillie Koebrich.



THURSDAY EVENING

June 8th, capped the climax. It was then that the College Seniors had their say, and they said their say in such manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and upon their professors. Of course, they appeared in cap and gown. Their really excellent program was as follows:

Piano
 Rosa Hirsch.

Invocation.....Rev. J. E. Benz

Oration The Unseen
 World in Human Experience
 Lizzie Bruene.

Oration.....Power of Personality
 Howard Merten.

Oration.....The Power of Truth
 Leola Pfeiffer.

Vocal
 Ruth Wellemeyer.

Oration
 America's Duty Toward China
 Paul Tang.

Oration.....The Curse of Genius
 Ruth Wellemeyer.

Oration.....Reign of Peace
 J. F. Zimmermann.

Vocal
 Leola Pfeiffer.

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 tation of Diplomas by the Pre-
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Benediction, Prof. W. G. Baab, A. M.



GRADUATES OF 1911.

The Bachelor's degree was con-
 ferred upon:

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 Merten, Howard V....Charles City
 Pfeiffer, Leola E.....Charles City
 Tang, Paul R.....Kiu Kiang, China
 Wellemeyer, Ruth L...Charles City
 Zimmermann, J. F.....Butler, S. D.

John A. Fogt received the degree
 of M. Acct.

Diplomas were presented as fol-
 lows:



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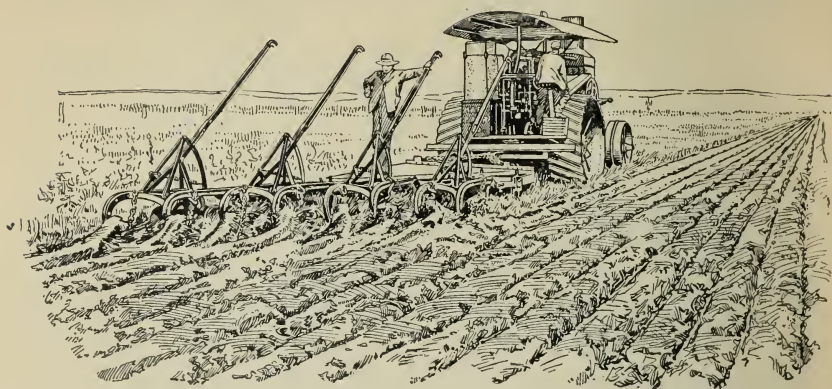
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 Fritze, Esther.....Winona, Minn.
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 Kuntz, Clara.....Ridgeway
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Kluckhohn, Carrie....Charles City
Kuhnle, Bessie.....Charles City
Newton, Inez.....Charles City



Piano.

Kessler, Minnie.....Odebolt
Moosdorf, Viola.....Charles City



Oratory.

Townsend, Ethel.....Charles City



Alumni Notes

Miss Lizzie Bruene, '11, has a position in the Gladbrook Public schools.

Mr. Ernst E. Wellemeyer, who spent three years in our city High School teaching Geometry, resigned his position to broaden his horizon by a year's study at Chicago University.

Rev. Bruno Wentland and Miss Clara Dickhoff were married June 8th. No one of the students knew anything of it, and the happy couple got away on the 3:15 P.M. train without being discovered.

Mr. Jacob F. Zimmerman, '11, began his work in the Chicago Uni-

versity June 19th. He intends to remain there three quarters and make his master's degree at the close of that time.

Mr. Walter J. Finke, '05, was at home during the closing week of his Alma Mater. He goes back to the Minnesota University next autumn to resume his work as instructor in the department of Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Wilbur M. Finke, '08, is with the Algoma Steel Company in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. While he likes his work as chemist there, he prefers the country of his birth to the customs of the Dominion. He is in the coke department of the establishment.

Supt. J. Fletcher Wellemeyer '07, who has charge of a grade school in Oklahoma City, with his wife, nee Gethman, and baby, Kathrine Margaret, spent the commencement season in this city with his mother. From here he went to Chicago University where he will spend the summer.

Dr. Ed. L. Schaub, the younger son of Dr. F. Schaub of our Faculty, was very recently elected assistant professor of philosophy at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario. He and his wife sailed for Europe June 17th. The doctor will study in Berlin University during the summer and return for his work in Canada September 27th. While his position in Ithaca was a good one, this is a commendable advancement, such as Edward L., as he is known here, is fully worthy of.



The Greatest Danger of Denominational Colleges

There is much discussion of the future of the church college. Some argue that the growth of State institutions has rendered them un-

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necessary. Others believe that voluntary support cannot be depended upon to bring such institutions up to the level of efficiency sure to be attained by State institutions, consequent upon the increasing liberality of the State toward public education. Still others fear that they cannot be kept free from sectarian bigotry and a certain narrowness which prevents a modern scientific scholarship. Still other minor considerations are urged.

We have studied this question with solicitous care for twenty years. In the last four years we have visited every State in the Union and scores of institutions of all kinds; we have made an effort, through conversations, interviews, public gatherings, and by various other means, to estimate public sentiment and to weigh the permanent value of conflicting arguments. The conviction grows with every week that the future of the denominational college is secure, if certain conditions can be obtained. Its future, humanly speaking, rests with itself.

The greatest danger of the church college at this hour is that it may cease to do the work for which it was created. Rightly or wrongly, there is a growing feeling that the emphasis upon the moral and the religious life, and, to some degree, upon the standards of personal conduct and social righteousness which should prevail, is not as great as it once was. In many instances this is undoubtedly due to a failure to distinguish between a modernization of methods of religious work and forms of devotion and a departure from real and vital religious conditions. We gain nothing, however, by shutting our eyes to facts; and, to say the least, it is the part of wisdom for every president, every faculty, and every board of trustees of a church college to make sure that there is no just ground for these criticisms.

The future of the denominational college depends upon its relation of friendly co-operation with State and secular institutions. The church colleges, in general, will be small colleges. They will empha-

size the security of the student away from home as to morals; they must emphasize the highest type of intellectual discipline; they are set for the building of the noblest Christian character. If they cannot show a product in these regards superior to that of the secular institutions, which number their students by the thousand, they have little hope. It is of prime importance that they shall have library buildings, laboratories, and physical equipment equal to the best. They may be smaller schools, but for the work they undertake to do they owe it to the young people intrusted to them to be equally good schools. No assumption of piety, no church affiliation should for a moment be considered a substitute for high grade, thoroughly trained teachers, and ample college equipment. If for no other reason, these must be provided because Christian leadership, if it is to remain leadership, must be trained as nearly to perfection as possible. But knowledge alone is not virtue. We have ample illustration of the fact that many trained men are dangerous men. There are scholars who lack character, there are keen intellects devoting themselves to ignoble and unpatriotic ends, and they sometimes get into our political and commercial life to the detriment of our civil institutions. The church college, if it fulfills its mission, must give the highest intellectual training, together with that moral and spiritual culture which has been given through the best forms and influences of the Christian Church as nowhere else in the history of the world. The college authorities who, for one year, allow the moral and spiritual life to deteriorate, who, through any mercenary influences, permit attention to be diverted from these prime ends, not only fail to appreciate the nature of their trust, but commit institutional suicide.

If the church college really has a vital religious life; if it makes men open-minded, fearless in their search for truth, modern in their methods, aggressive in their activities, but high-minded, self-sacrificing, devoted to social and public

Calendar 1911-1912

September 12, Tuesday—Enrollment and Classification of Students.

September 13, Wednesday—Instruction begins in all departments.

September 15, Friday—Reception by Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

November 14, Tuesday—Second Term begins.

November 30, Thursday—Thanksgiving.

December 21, Thursday, 4:00 p. m.—Holiday Vacation begins.

January 3, Wednesday—Re-opening of Work after Holiday Vacation.

January 25, Thursday—Day of Prayer for Colleges.

January 25-27—Semester Examinations.

January 27—Close of First Semester.

January 30—Opening of Second Semester.

February 11—Universal Day of Prayer.

March 30, Saturday—Third Term closes.

April 2, Tuesday—Fourth Term begins.

May 30 to June 1—Semester Examinations.

June 2—Commencement Sunday.

June 3—Alumni Day.

June 6—Commencement Day.

service, having the Christ living in them, it will produce a higher type of mere scholarship than can be produced in any purely secular institution. There is a spiritual element in the search for truth. An intensity of devotion to scholarly ideals is thus produced which cannot be obtained in any other way. There is a white-heat glow given to moral convictions, to ethical ideals, to patriotic devotion by this Christ-given power which the world has never received in any other way. The State needs this renewing for its own purification. Every State institution will be safer and will be stronger if it has, side by side with it, half a dozen such church colleges as we have described. Every high school will be better for the incoming of teachers of that stamp, trained in a church college where the atmosphere is genuinely Christian. "Teaching mathematics is not even remotely connected with religion," wrote a man recently. But the spirit, the moral impulse, the ideals, and the character quality of the man who teaches mathematics is very definitely related to religion and to the future moral and religious life of the boy. If, as more than once has happened, that teacher frequently makes flings at religion, expresses materialistic or agnostic views, the stronger he is as a teacher the more dangerous he becomes to the religious life of the admiring boy. If Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, and all the other denominations, would unite in a federated movement to eliminate unhealthful rivalries, to insist on these high standards, intellectually, morally, and spiritually, the union would produce a public sentiment which would make it easier for every State institution to maintain similar standards under the voluntary principle which must be maintained. Couple this with a proper care for the students of the different denominations at all State institutions, and an honest effort on the part of every church to make the life of each secular institution as high, as moral, as religious, as noble as it possibly can be made, and we shall see a new era in the efficiency

of education in America. Have not the friends of denominational institutions sometimes shown a narrow devotion to the church college which has made them ignore the care of the Christian student in the State institution in such a way as to leave them fairly open to the charge that they were more interested in maintaining the denominational college than in really making Christian young men wherever they had opportunity? It is the subtle temptation, exposed in so many ways by the Great Teacher.

The Church must largely train its own leaders in its own schools. The mission of these schools is to put a stream of purifying power in public education. Repression, or compromise, on these vital spiritual influences is fatal. Bitterness toward, or unjust criticism of, secular institutions is narrow and un-Christian. We have as great a responsibility under God and as American citizens for the life of State as we have for the life of denominational institutions; but we do not have the same opportunities to control them, because of our method of government in this country—a method in which we most thoroughly believe. The position that the chief responsibility for the support of denominational schools must rest with the denomination itself is a sound one. The need of the hour is a new conviction of such responsibility on the part of every Methodist in his relation to his Methodist college. That cynicism which magnifies unfounded rumors into grave charges; that meanness which criticizes what it will not help to cure, which leads an individual to demand that the college shall be rigidly controlled by a denomination, while at the same time the member of that denomination bestows his money in wanton extravagance upon himself, or gives it exclusively to other causes; that unfairness which stands off in pharisaic aloofness withholding that devotion, sympathetic support, and active co-operation which alone warrant and constitute genuine control while loudly clamoring for it, is reprehensible. — "The Christian Student."

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